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SUBJECT: GOI/GVN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE

REF: A. JAKARTA 13643; B. JAKARTA 7994

1. EMBOFFS MET WITH GVN REPRESENTATIVE NANG NOVEMBER 21 AND 22 TO FOLLOW UP ON NOVEMBER 8 DISCUSSIONS RE GOI-GVN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE (REF A). NANG STATED THAT PREVIOUS WEEK HE HAD WRITTEN LETTER TO PERTAMINA (STATE OIL) CHIEF LT. GEN, IBNU SUTOWO. NANG PROVIDED POLCOUNS COPY LETTER COPIES BEING POUCHED TO WASHINGTON AND SAIGON) WHICH STATES INTER ALIA " THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ON HER PART IS WILLING TO SEEK A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THIS ISSUE THROUGH FRIENDLY DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IS READY TO SEND A DELEGATION OF EXPERTS TO JAKARTA TO HOLD NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF DELIMITATION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELVES BETWEEN INDONESIAN AND THE RUPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. IT WOULD BE THEREFORE MOST APPRECIATIVE IF YOUR EXCELLENCY COULD GIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ARRANGEMENTS OF A MEETING BETWEEN EXPERTS FROM OUR TWO COUNTRIES AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE." NANG COMMENTED THAT IN WRITING LETTER HE DREW FROM A LETTER WHICH GVN FONMIN
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WROTE INDONESIAN FONMIN MALIK FOLLOWING EARLY SEPTEMBER VISIT

OF BUI DIEM AND GENERAL QUANG (NOT CLEAR WHEN LETTER
DELIVERED) IN WHICH
SIMILAR OFFER MADE IN PERHAPS MORE
GENERAL TERMS.

2. NANG STATED HE DELIVERED COPY OF HIS LETTER TO IBNU TO
MAJGEN SOEKAMTO SAJIDIMAN, CHIEF PERTAGNA'A FOREIGN
CONTRACTORS DIVISION AND FORMER CHIEF GOI CONTINENTAL
SHELF TEAM. SOEKAMTO, WHO NOTED HE HAD BEEN ALERTED TO
HEAD A TEAM LAST MARCH WHEN BILATERALS WERE EXPECTED,
APPEARED FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO HODLING TALKS IN NEAR FUTURE.
SOEKAMOTO ALSO TOOK OCCASION TO DISCUSS LETTER SENT AGIP BY
EXECDIR GVN NATIONAL PETROLEUM BOARD (REF B) MAKING CLEAR
TO NANG THAT LETTER UNHELPFUL TO EFFORTS ACHIEVE NEGOTIATED
SOLUTION. SOEKAMO LATER SENT NANG COPY OF AGIP LETTER,
WHICH NANG HAS SENT ON TO GVN MINISTRY OF FONAFFAIRS. NANG
NOTED THAT, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, FON AFFAIRS HAS NEVER SEEN LETTER.

3. COMMENT: WITH ACTION TAKEN BY NANG, BALL APPEARS MORE
CLEARLY IN INDONESIAN COURT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR
SITUATION, AND, WHEN OCCASIONS PRESENT THEMSELVES, TO URGE
INDONESIANS TO FOLLOW UP ON NANG'S LETTER. (SEPARATELY NANG STATED,
AND INDONESIAN FONDEP SOURCE CONFIRMED, THAT GOI IS REVIEWING
POSSIBILIITY OF RETURNING TO CONGEN LEVEL RELATIONSHIP
TERMINATED FURING SUKARNO ERA.)
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